



Success Story

Community-led advocacy improves waste disposal at local hospital in Mozambique

August 2021 - Community-led advocacy in Tacuane community in Lugela district, Mozambique pushed the local authorities to install an incinerator to dispose of waste that once littered the grounds of the local health centre, cleaning up its image and encouraging expectant mothers to use the maternity ward.

During the community scorecard (CSC) implemented by CODESA, a local partner of the PSA Alliance, community members expressed their concerns about the hazardous disposal of hospital waste by the maternity hospital at Tacuane Health Centre in Lugela district. Community members were afraid to give birth at the maternity hospital for fear of contracting disease from the waste. Additionally, cultural rituals often led women to give birth at home as they feared the umbilical cord would not be incinerated.

In response to the CSC findings, CODESA and the district platform assisted the community members to lobby local sanitary authorities to build an incinerator to destroy the hospital waste. In response to these calls, the District Services for Health, Women and Social Affairs constructed an incinerator at the health centre. This has successfully encouraged more women to deliver in the health facility rather than give birth at home.

Before



After



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